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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

THIS IS A LETTER OF PROTEST  
CONCERNING DOCKET NUMBER 2011-271-E.

I'M SHOCKED AFTER RECORD  
PROFITS DUKE POWER THINKS IT IS  
APPROPRIATE TO RAISE THEIR RATES  
170% !! IN THIS RECESSION THE  
CREED IS UNCONSCIOUS. THEY SAY  
IT'S TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS IN  
INFRASTRUCTURE - THAT SHOULD BE  
PAID FOR WITH THE "RECORD PROFITS."

I'M A SELF EMPLOYED SINGLE  
HAIRDRESSER WHO BECAUSE OF  
THE RECESSION HAS NOT HAD A  
RAISE SINCE 2007. WHEN MY  
EQUIPMENT FAILS AND I HAVE  
TO PAY FOR THOSE "INFRASTRUCTURE"  
IMPROVEMENTS I DO SO WITH  
THE MONEY I'M PAID. I BUDGET

FOR THESE THINGS. AND TRUST ME (2)  
THERE ARE NO RECORD PROFITS. I  
THINK LAST YEAR DUKE POWER  
GOT AN INCREASE OF ~~9~~ 9%.  
PROFIT BY DEFINITION IS ALL  
MONEY AFTER ALL EXPENSES  
ARE PAID. THAT IS THE MONEY  
THEY SHOULD BE USING. THE  
LAST INCREASE WAS SAID TO BE  
FOR IMPROVEMENT ~~THE~~ YET POWER  
LINES ARE THE SAME ONES WITH  
PIECES OF RUBBER INSULATION  
HANGING OFF OF THEM.

I'M DISGUSTED WITH THE  
LACK OF CONCERN AND THE LIES  
OF THIS COMPANY AND I WISH  
WE HAD SOME SAY IN THESE  
THINGS. MY HEAT IS NOW SET  
AT 60° F. NOT TOO WARM... BUT  
MY BILLS ARE GOING UP AS

MY SALARY GOES DOWN. I AM LOSING CUSTOMERS BECAUSE PEOPLE HAVE LESS MONEY. THE ONES WHO COME ARE SPACING THEIR HAIRCUTS AND COLORS FARTHER OUT TO SAVE MONEY. THEY DON'T REALIZE THAT THIS CAUSES ME HARDSHIP BECAUSE I HAVE ENOUGH GRACE TO TELL THEM "I UNDERSTAND." I AM 51 YEARS OLD AND I'VE NEVER SEEN A RECESSION TRICKLE DOWN TO HAIRDRESSERS THIS WAY. SALONS ARE CLOSING LEFT AND RIGHT. OUR PROFESSION WAS ALWAYS CONSIDERED RECESSION PROOF AND UP UNTIL NOW IT WAS!

MY GENERATION IS THE LAST

THAT CAN PAY BILLS... THIS INCREASE (9)  
IS GOING TO PUSH PEOPLE BACK  
WITH THEIR PARENTS SO LESS  
HOUSE HOLDS WILL BE POWER ON  
BY DUKE POWER. YOU CAN'T  
SQUEEZE US THIS FAR. PLEASE  
PLEASE DON'T ALLOW THIS 17%  
INCREASE. I'M TOO COLD AS IT IS  
AND I WANT TO KEEP MY HOME.  
I'M PROUD OF WHAT I ACCOMPLISHED  
ARE YOU GOING TO PROUD OF  
THE PEOPLE YOU SERUCE WHO  
HAVE THEIR HEAT AT 55° TO  
PAY WHAT THEY CAN AFFORD?

PLEASE DO THE RIGHT THING  
Sincerely concerned

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